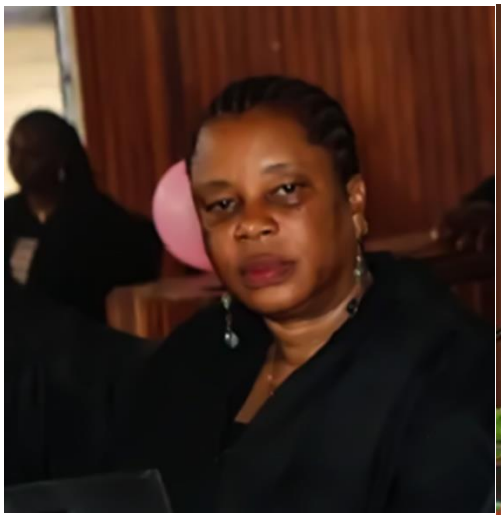
Judge Willie Fines State Prosecutors USD 300

---For Failure To Share Evidence With Defense Lawyers In LRRRC Corruption Trial



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His Honor Judge Roosevelt Z. Willie

The Presiding Judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit Court, Margibi Court, His Honor Roosevelt Z. Willie, has imposed a USD 300 fine on state prosecutors for failure to furnish the former Director General of the Liberia Refugee Repatriation and Resettlement Commission (LRRRC), defendant Patrick T. Worzie, with all necessary evidence to prosecute before the commencement of the trial.

On Tuesday, November 17, 2026, Judge Willie ruled after defense lawyers informed the court that the prosecution had not provided them with the evidence. The judge fined the state USD 300 for wasting the court's time, especially after the prosecution's first witness spent hours on the stand and the trial was postponed until next Monday, November 23, 2026.

The prosecution's first witness was identified as Rohaff Solomon, Deputy Chief for Operations at the Liberia Anti-Corruption Commission (LACC), who testified that President of Liberia Joseph Nyumah Boakai wrote the Liberia LACC to investigate a complaint of Corruption and Misapplication of entrusted funds from the government and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) for US$1, 750, 730 entrusted to Mr. Patrick T. Worzie (defendant) to ensure that stranded Liberian refugees in Ghana return to Liberia after the Ghanaian authorities demolished their homes.

During his testimony, he stated that the former LRRRC officials were brought to the LAAC for investigation. Those investigated were defendants Patrick T. Worzie, Alieu Fofana, Joseph Wea, and Jeredine Koleh.

He also testified that defendant Worzie confirmed to the Commission's investigation that he received US$1,750,730 and informed the investigation that a total of 1, 539 stranded Liberians were brought to Liberia from Ghana.

The witness further pointed out during his testimony in court that, after a thorough investigation, it was discovered that the total number of Liberian refugees brought to the country was 1,291, contrary to Defendant Worzie's claim of 1,539 refugees.

The state witness indicated that there is a variance between the number Mr. Worzie claimed to have brought to Liberia and the actual number discovered by the investigation, which was 248. He stated that the 248 refugees, who were never accounted for, should have received USD 69,825, an account of his testimony of how the former officials stole the funds.

It can be recalled that Patrick Worzie, former Director General, LRRRC, Mr. Alieu Fofana, Mr. Joseph Wea, and Madam Jeredine Koleh, all of LRRRC, are indicted for Economic Sabotage, Misuse of Public Funds, Theft of Property, Criminal Conspiracy, and Tampering with records for over USD 1M allotted to repatriate stranded Liberian refugees to return from Ghana.